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Todd W. Pastrick

For

VEHICLE EXTERIOR MIRROR SYSTEM WITH TURN SIGNAL LIGHT ASSEMBLY

Box Patent Application Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of copending application Serial No. 09/596,015, filed on June 16, 2000, by Todd W. Pastrick, entitled VEHICLE EXTERIOR MIRROR SYSTEM WITH TURN SIGNAL LIGHT ASSEMBLY, now U.S. Patent No. 6,296,379, issuing on October 2, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/259,815, filed on February 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,086,229, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/933,375, filed on September 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,879,074, which is a continuation Serial No. 08/607,284, filed on February 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,669,704, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/426,591, filed on April 21, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,497,306, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/333,412, filed on November 2, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,497,305, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/011,947, filed on February 1, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,371,659.



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1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 25 pages of specification, 20 pages of claims (106 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 16 sheets of formal drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed including new claims 107-245 which have been numbered consecutively beginning with the number next succeeding the last claim in the parent application.

3. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A copy of the Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

| Basic Fee | 3 | 710.00 |
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Additional Fees

| Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$80.00 | \$ | 80.00 |
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| Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00 | \$2, | 142.00 |
| Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$270.00 | \$ | .00 |

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Total Filing Fee \$2,932.00

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A check in the amount of \$2,932.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Sixteen (16) sheets of formal drawings are enclosed and are copies of those filed in the parent application.

6. <u>Disclosure Statement</u>

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/596,015 be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

7. <u>Inventorship Statement</u>

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Todd W. Pastrick.

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8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 21, 1995, at Reel 7474, Frame 0704.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; and Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288. Also enclosed is an Associate Power of Attorney consisting of Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; Matthew L. Goska, Reg. No. 42 954; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

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10. Verification

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title

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18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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